

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 479
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Louise Highfill
Oliver of Dresden.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Louise Oliver; and

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Oliver was a consummate Christian woman, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, the likes of which are rarely seen in our society; and

WHEREAS, born in Weakley County in 1920, she grew up on a farm near Gleason and spent most of her life near her birthplace; and

WHEREAS, to those who knew her well, Mrs. Oliver's name evokes the words "good" and "faithful," as those are the two adjectives that most comprehensively describe the manner in which she lived her exemplary life; her goal was to serve God and be a blessing to others; and

WHEREAS, 1937 Valedictorian of Dresden High School, Mrs. Oliver went on to be a substitute teacher at Dresden Elementary and Dresden High School and a librarian at the Weakley County Library; and

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Oliver was an active and devout member of the Olivet Methodist Church where she was a faithful Sunday School Teacher and Vacation Bible School leader from the age of 16 until a year and a half before her journey to her heavenly reward; she was always active in planning the Christmas program at her church for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Oliver was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Oliver enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of 64 years, T.J. Oliver, and was the proud mother of Terry, Johnny, David, and Paul Oliver, and Sandra Oliver Ray; she was also very much loved and respected by her daughters-in-law and son-in-law; and

WHEREAS, she will certainly be missed by her thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, when she wasn't out making the town of Dresden a better place for all of its inhabitants, Mrs. Oliver enjoyed reading and cooking; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional Christian family woman and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mary Louise Highfill Oliver, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the Christian life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mary Louise Oliver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.